

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CARL DEAN EDWARDS,

Plaintiff

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Defendants

Case No. 3:20-cv-00716-APG-WGC

ORDER

I. DISCUSSION

On December 29, 2020, this Court ordered Plaintiff to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before March 1, 2021. (ECF No. 3). On February 5, 2021, Plaintiff filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, however, Plaintiff's application does not contain his two signatures on page 3 of the application. (ECF No. 5). The Court will provide Plaintiff **one** additional opportunity to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before **March 1, 2021**.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.**

Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*

(ECF No. 5) without prejudice because the application is incomplete.

If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before **March 1, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is either able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$402 on or before **March 1, 2021** to proceed with this case.

The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

II. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 5) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **March 1, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

(1) a completed Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate on this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),

- 1 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail
2 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
3 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**
4 **previous six-month period.**

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete
6 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402
7 filing fee for a civil action on or before **March 1, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal
8 without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number,
9 when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed
10 *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint
12 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

13 DATED: February 10, 2021

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15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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